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For President
WOODROW WILSON
For Vice President
THOMAS R. MARSHALL

STRATFORD'S IDEAL CANDIDATE

JUDGE Charles H. Peck Stratford has an ideal candidate. Not quite ideal, because there is not enough of him to be nominated for all the places on the ticket.

He has three pretty nifty ones, however, as follows:—

For Judge of Probate, Charles H. Peck.
For Representative in General Assembly, Charles H. Peck.
For Justice of the Peace, Charles H. Peck.

But the judge atones for his insufficiency, by picking out the men to fill the other places, so that the voters of Stratford need not be submitted to the slightest intellectual strain.

Judge Peck is unique in the hall of politics. Most men have difficulty in getting away with one office at a time, but the judge packs three with ease and certainty.

Stratford is one of the oldest communities in Connecticut, conservative, thrifty and intellectual. What lesson shall be drawn from this so unusual phenomenon of consolidating public office in one man? Does it mark a growth toward monopoly, and is Stratford committed to the Roosevelt principle of good trusts?

Is Stratford, having thought it over, convinced that monarchy is the best form of government, and is it gently guiding the rest of us into the right path? Perhaps they read Carlyle, in Stratford, and agree with him that the chief function of Democracy is to enable the people to find a man wise enough to lead them. Is Stratford yearning for a benevolent despotism, some person in whom shall be consolidated the functions of judge, legislator and executive?

It may be at any rate assumed that Judge Peck is Stratford's wisest man. To doubt it would be to doubt popular government. Thrice blessed is Stratford, to be so ruled.

To be four-fold blessed Stratford has but to add another office to Judge Peck's three, and so on until the millennium, when Stratford's leading citizen, and most competent statesman will simply announce, "I held the annual election, and declare Charles H. Peck unanimously elected to all town, state, county, and national offices by acclamation."

DEMOCRATIC HARMONY

THE MOST unifying thing in the world is a great cause, based on great principles and a great man. Harmony in the Democratic party is the natural result of the efforts of sincere Democrats, like Town Chairman Lavery, powerfully aided by the desire of the mass of good citizens in and out of the Democratic party to promote the re-election of Woodrow Wilson.

In the presence of such a cause led by such a man, minor issues are subordinated; old feuds disappear. Unity and enthusiasm follow upon the earnest and patriotic feeling that the times require the Democratic government at Washington to be retained in power.

The spirit is something the same, but in a lesser degree, that moves a nation in war. Fronted by necessity patriotism causes all minor differences to be laid aside; all wounds are healed, and the people turn themselves to the winning of a victory and the preservation of the national life.

But in America, fortunately, the unity is not the product of a war, but of the desire to keep out of war. It is born of the feeling that the honor of America, her high ideals and her standing in the future require that she should remain the one sure spot of peace upon the planet.

The complete elimination of a seemingly impassable gulf in Bridgeport, is but a token of the generous feeling which animates America. It is another proof that Americans will not cast prosperity behind them, that they will not turn the pruning hook into a sword, nor submit to candidacies which would mean a reversal of great national policies such as the Federal Reserve Act, the Rural Credits Act, the Child Labor Law and the Eight Hour Law.

Bridgeport is about to give one of its old time rousing majorities for the Democratic ticket.

THE "TANK" FIGHTER

THE NEW ENGINE of death on the British front, described "The Tank," is probably a steel protected automobile, built with broad caterpillar wheels, such as are used on traction engines in rough country.

There is nothing difficult or novel in the construction of such a weapon. It has been repeatedly exhibited in fanciful discussions of war. The patent offices of the world are full of applications for patents on such fighting machines.

Their utility consists in keeping them out of action until the gun fire is over, and the issue is about to be closed by a charge. Then the machines, at a time when the heavy artillery of the enemy cannot be used for fear of killing their own men, are brought forward to straddle the enemy trenches and deliver an enfilading fire.

When the surprise is over these machines will probably be combatted with heavier bombs loaded with high explosives and fired from trench mortars.

AN ERROR IN FIGURES

BY AN ERROR in the news report The Farmer made it appear that Warrenite is claimed by its owners to weigh 186 pounds per square yard. The claim was actually for 286 pounds per square yard. The tests of many samples, taken by Mr. Emerson, from the streets of Boston, showed that the actual weight was fifty pounds less than claimed. This was 230 to 236 pounds per square yard, instead of 130 to 136.

Abram Elkus, the new American ambassador to Turkey, arrived at Constantinople.

The week's exports from New York dropped \$11,554,411 as compared with the week before.

BLACKMAIL GANG THAT "CLEANED UP" \$1,000,000 SMASHED BY U.S. AGENTS

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Further arrests were expected today in connection with the so-called blackmail syndicate which raids by United States department of justice officials here Saturday night exposed. A woman member of the "syndicate" was believed to be in St. Louis and the Los Angeles authorities were asked to locate the sender of a telegram addressed to Helen Evers, one of the women arrested here, which read:

"Simon says thumbs up. Two men are holding me. Watch the fire-escape."

Operations of the syndicate, which now appears to have been international in proportions, were not confined to the blackmail of wealthy men and women, according to information developed today. Among the effects in the office of "Doc" Edward Donahue, one of the men caught in the Saturday night raid, was stationery of the "United Turf Exchange" with "headquarters in New York and offices all over the world." There were also cipher codes for deciphering messages received by wire telling what horses to bet on, how much to bet, what races and positions to play.

Fake newspaper clipping detailing the wonderful clearance made by a young eastern plunger in poolrooms, apparently had been used to lure victims. A letter found in Donahue's rooms at the fashionable Southside apartment house, was from the "Horsemen's Association" of 1468 Market street, Louisville, Ky., signed by J. C. Saulsbury, secretary and addressed to A. T. Karter. The secretary said he was sorry to hear of "Mr. Karter's" notoriety lately and hoped he wouldn't have another occurrence like that again.

It seemed that "Mr. Karter's" picture had appeared in the newspaper in connection with bookmaking activities at the races.

According to department of justice officials here today, the "United Turf Exchange" must have been an exclusive affair. The rules stated that members using the clubrooms in the evening must appear in full dress. Evidently the "horsemen's association" was in Louisville in a grain brokerage house. Code books showed how wagers on horse races could be placed and

there was apparently no limit. If the better wanted to place \$50,000 on a horse he would order 50 boxes of red, white or blue matches, the color depending on the position bet on the horses, viz: red, straight; blue, place; white, show. Condition of track was described as follows: Dry, oats; muddy, corn; medium, rye. If all these elaborate systems were not enough to beguile the victims, the fake newspaper clipping was flashed. The headlines of this article stated that a "younger eastern plunger" had won up \$30,000 from Seattle, Wash., poolrooms. Identity of man not known to local gambling fraternity. "The story then went on that all efforts to get information from him had been fruitless. He had never lost a bet."

Here it was, according to the department of justice officials here today, that Donahue broke into the same. He would claim to be the mysterious stranger from the east.

According to the federal officials today, here are some of the things done by the syndicate: They fleeced a multi-millionaire of New York out of \$40,000 by threatening him with arrest for alleged violation of the Mann act, two of the members of the syndicate impersonating secret service agents for that purpose. They frightened a wealthy Philadelphia woman who had been too friendly with a stranger in a cafe into giving them \$25,000.

They took \$10,000 from each of five Chicagoans, two of whom are women. They brought about their own arrest by allegedly taking \$2,500 from Miss Regina Clipper, of Philadelphia, and afterward kidnapping her.

It was said today that the organization had worked as a whole since the first of the year and it is believed they had cleaned up the time \$1,000,000. The government officials say that for one known victim of the syndicate there are probably 20 unknown.

The eight members of the syndicate so-called, were still in custody today, awaiting their preliminary hearing before the United States Commissioner tomorrow. It was said the alleged head of the organization would be arrested during today.

MORE DANIELS BLUNDERING.

Something ought to be done at once about Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy.

In testing his new 14-inch guns in Tangier Sound, the battleship Pennsylvania has scored five hits out of 12 on a small target at 10,000 yards, a feat that ordnance experts say is a world's record in gunnery. To make matters worse, the super-dreadnought Arizona, sister ship of the Pennsylvania, has just been completed at the Brooklyn navy yard at only \$10,000,000, a saving of \$1,000,000. This is heating outrage upon outrage.

It is the business of the Pennsylvania, when undergoing firing tests, to make a clean score of misses at a target as big as the horizon. Evidently the business of the Brooklyn navy yard to boggie everything and to serve as

MOOSE LEADERSHIP.

Henry Ford, who makes public announcement that he intends to vote for Mr. Wilson, is more than a political Progressive. Like Thomas A. Edison, who has expressed the same preference, he is industrially, commercially and socially a progressive.

Such men, always forward looking in their business affairs, always hospitable to new ideas, always open-minded, self-reliant, naturally abhor reaction and turn with contempt from standpoint policies of government based largely upon favor and greed. The wonderful successes that they have achieved have been due to their own ability. Ford and Edison have blazed new paths, hit upon new ideas, and by the force of their genius established vast industries which make many of the law-pampered enterprises appear feeble by comparison.

MR. HUGHES' GERMAN ALLIES

Mr. Hughes' enthusiasm over the results of the Maine election and clamor in comparison with the outcry of the German newspapers.

Their confidence in the success of their candidate knows no bounds. It is measured only by their confidence in the power of the German vote.

The Cincinnati Volksblatt says: To be certain of victory in November, Wilson must conquer New York and Illinois. But this hope he might just as well give up, because in these two states the aversion against his policy is a fact as certain as that of the sun. In both these states an element will show its hands which did not enter into question in Maine, and this element is the German voters, who will never pardon Wilson for his unneutral and un-American policy. According to the Illinois Staats-Zeitung:

The present administration knows that its days are numbered.

And further: All indications are to the effect that the Democrats will experience some serious surprises within their own camps even in the southern states, which have had to suffer especially because of Wilson's friendship with Great Britain, and which are embittered against him because he succeeded in whipping through Congress the Child-Labor Law for his personal campaign advantage. The Volksblatt and Freilichtsfreund of Pittsburgh feels that:

The result of the election in Maine gives us a strong presentation of the greatness of the Republican victory in November. But no other western German newspaper goes so far in attacking Mr. Wilson as the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, which unhesitating brands the President as the most dangerous enemy of

the American people:

A President who tenaciously resists the demands of his own people to protect them in their crushed rights and in their violated honor; a President, however, who is not capable to resist the threats of that same England that depends for its very existence on the good-will of the American people, is already a danger for this republic and a greater danger than any other enemy.

No other supporters of Mr. Hughes are making so vigorous and energetic a campaign in his behalf as the Germans. The protected industries are generously financing his candidacy and Wall Street is lavishly pouring treasure into his campaign chests. All the elements of plutocracy and privilege are lending assistance to his cause, but the Germans are giving their time as well as their own money. They work ceaselessly for his election. Every leader of the German propaganda is a Hughes campaigner and is exerting all his influence in behalf of dominant Americanism.

Should Mr. Hughes be elected, the Germans, of all his supporters, can most rightly claim the credit. Wall Street and the great corporations opposed to the President are merely fighting for bigger profits and more financial power over the government. Theirs is a cash-registed cause. But the German propaganda is battling for a principle—a principle that to them is vital—namely, that the foreign policy of the United States must be satisfactory to Germany at all times and in all circumstances.

To defeat President Wilson and to elect Mr. Hughes will be to nerve the nation to that future chief magistracy of the nation that to defy that principle is to invite political destruction. —New York World.

HONORS MISS BOYLAN

Miss Marguerite Boylan, of the local Catholic Charities bureau, has been honored by appointment through

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SEN. FRANCIS NEWLANDS

Sir Henry Edward Duke, the new chief secretary for Ireland, is credited with strong Home Rule leanings. This despite the fact that he is a member of the Unionist party. In a speech in the House of Commons some two or three years ago he urged a Home Rule settlement. This sentiment he repeated in a recent speech in Exeter. Sir Henry Edward Duke is a barrister and Unionist member of Parliament for Exeter and succeeded Augustine Birrell, who resigned after the Irish uprising. The new chief secretary has been given a seat in the cabinet. No new Lord Lieutenant of Ireland will be appointed to succeed Lord Wimborne, who also resigned after the outbreak of the Dublin rebellion.

THE "POCKET PARIS"

Bucharest, the capital city of Roumania, offers the biggest municipal prize in the Balkans, as it is by far the largest city, and the finest and richest, in that part of the warring world. The "pocket Paris," as Bucharest was called before war cast a damper on the gay spirits of the people, claims a population of about 350,000, which puts it in a class by itself among Balkan capitals. Athens has less than 200,000 people, Sofia about 100,000, and Belgrade, before it was devastated by war, had less than 100,000, while Cetinje, the Montenegrin capital, is but a village of 2,000 folk. Until Roumania's decision to enter the war brought serious matters uppermost, Bucharest was the gayest city in Europe. Large numbers of her citizens had made fortunes out of the war, and they were liberal spenders. Originally a squalid, meanly built city, like all the capitals of the near East, Bucharest has of late years sought to become a Balkan Paris, and with a fair measure of success. Many fine public and business buildings and private residences line the streets, and luxurious hotels, which charge \$6 a day for the smallest rooms, are numerous, as are expensive restaurants, cabarets, theatres and dance halls. It is the metal plated cupolas of the innumerable churches, however, which give to Bucharest its most picturesque aspect in the eyes of the visitor from the west. Bucharest is 265 feet above sea level, in the fertile but treeless plain of the small, sluggish Danube, and its situation is such as to render it difficult of defense in time of war. An elaborate system of fortifications, commenced thirty years ago, surrounds the city. Bucharest had a considerable population of German and Hungarian workmen, but most of these left to join the armies of the Central Empires before Roumania entered the war.

Charles Becker, noted forger who was pensioned by the Bankers' Association "to be good" died in Brooklyn.

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STRATFORD

(Special to The Farmer.)
Stratford, Sept. 18.—Four cases were brought before Judge Howard M. Curtis in the Stratford town court today. Two were continued. Herman Isenburg, who conducts a grocery store at Avon park, was charged with selling liquor without a license.

His case was continued until Thursday. John Dzurenda, formerly of 700 Ogden street, Bridgeport, who was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff E. Mills Tomlinson, charged with beating his wife, was continued until 8 o'clock this evening. The Dzurendas now reside in Franklin avenue, Stratford.

Joseph Gill of 89 Stillman street, Bridgeport, was assessed \$5 and costs for stealing peaches from the orchard of Fred Wilcoxson, Paradise Green. Special Policeman Harry Wilcoxson made the arrest. Judgment was suspended in the case of George A. Carlson of Ferry boulevard, charged with assault.

REPEAT "THE MASQUE OF SHAKESPEARE" TONIGHT

Because of an insistent demand for another performance of "The Masque of Shakespeare," Dr. Louis Smirnow, its author, has decided to repeat the very beautiful out of door play. The

third and last performance will be given this evening in Beardsley park. In order to accommodate a great many who were desirous of seeing the masque the seat prices have been considerably reduced.

BACKWARD CHILDREN
IS CHIEF TOPIC AT
CHARITY CONFERENCE

Washington, Sept. 18.—Backwardness in children, its causes and types, formed one of the principal topics of discussion at the national conference of Catholic churches here today. The conference, which was held at Catholic University, divided itself into sectional meetings, there being no general session.

Reports on the problem of the backward child, placing of dependent children in private homes, relief work among families and employment agencies were presented by committee chairmen and followed by general discussion.

A general session will be held tonight, at which the results accomplished by the conference since its organization six years ago will be set forth by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, of the Catholic University. Dr. John A. Ryan, also of the Catholic University, will discuss the future of the conference.

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